## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

## Please rewrite the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An image sensing apparatus comprising:

an image sensing unit adapted to sense an object;

a signal processing unit adapted to convert an image signal outputted from said image sensing unit into digital image;

a communication unit adapted to transmit a resume signal for release to a computer connected to said image sensing apparatus; and

a switch for indicating said image sensing apparatus to transmit said resume signal to the computer,

wherein before said résumé resume signal is transmitted to said computer, said image sensing apparatus determines whether said computer is in a suspended state or not, and

if it is determined that said computer is in the suspended state, said image sensing apparatus transmits said resume signal to said computer to release the suspended state.

2. (Currently Amended) The image sensing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising; comprising:

a recording unit adapted to record said digital image in an internal or external memory.

- 3. (Currently Amended) The image sensing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said switch having a first contact to start preparing for sensing said digital image and a second contact to start generating said digital image, and wherein if said first contact is turned on by said switch, said image sensing apparatus enables to transmit said resume signal to said computer to release the suspended state.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The image sensing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said switch having a first contact to start preparing for sensing said digital image and a second contact to start generating said digital image, and

wherein if said second contact is turned on by said switch, said image sensing apparatus enables to transmit said resume signal to said computer to release the suspended state.

5. (Currently Amended) The image sensing apparatus according to wherein said switch having a first contact to start preparing for sensing said digital image and a second contact to start generating said digital image, and

wherein if said second contact is turned on by said switch and a recording of said digital image is completed, said image sensing apparatus enables to transmit said resume signal to said computer to release the suspended state.

- 6. (Original) The image sensing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said signal generation means is a particular switch provided in said image sensing apparatus.
- 7. (Previously Presented) The image sensing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:
- a display unit adapted to display information indicating that said computer is in the suspended state.
- 8. (Previously Presented) The image sensing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said communication unit is conformed to USB (Universal Serial Bus) specification.
- 9. (Currently Amended) A method used in an image sensing apparatus including (a) an image sensing unit adapted to sense an object; (b) a signal processing unit adapted to convert an image signal outputted from said image sensing unit into digital image (c) a communication unit adapted to transmit a resume signal for release to a computer connected to said image sensing apparatus; and (e) (d) a switch for indicating said image sensing apparatus to transmit said resume signal to the computer, said method comprising the steps of:

before said resume signal is transmitted to said computer,
determining whether said computer apparatus is in a suspended state or
not; and

if it is determined that said computer is in the suspended state, transmitting said resume signal to said computer <u>to</u> release the suspended state.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a program for providing a method used in an image sensing apparatus, said image sensing apparatus <u>includes</u> (a) an image sensing unit adapted to sense an object; (b) a signal processing unit adapted to convert an image signal outputted from said image sensing unit into digital image (c) a communication unit adapted to transmit a resume signal for release to a computer connected to said image sensing apparatus; and (d) a switch for indicating said image sensing apparatus to transmit said resume signal to the computer, said method comprising the steps of:

before said resume signal is transmitted to said computer,

determining whether said computer is in a suspended state or not; and

if it is determined that said computer is in the suspended state,

transmitting said resume signal to said computer to release the suspension
state.

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- 14. (Previously Presented) The image sensing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein before said digital image is transmitted to said computer, said image sensing apparatus determines whether said computer is in said suspended state or not.
- 15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, further comprising the step of:

recording said digital image in an internal or external memory.

16. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein said switch having has a first contact to start preparing for sensing said digital image and a second contact to start generating said digital image, and

wherein the method further comprising comprises the step of:

if said first contact is turned on by said switch, enabling to transmit said resume signal to said computer to release the suspended state.

17. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein said switch having has a first contact to start preparing for sensing said digital image and a second contact to start generating said digital image, and

wherein the method further comprising comprises the step of:

if said second contact is turned on by said switch, enabling to transmit said resume signal to said computer to release the suspended state.

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein said switch having has a first contact to start preparing for sensing said digital image and a second contact to start generating said digital image, and

wherein the method further comprising comprises the step of:

if said second contact is turned on by said switch and said image sensing operation and a recording of said digital image is completed, enabling to transmit said resume signal to said computer to release the suspended state.

19. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, further comprising the step of:

displaying information indicating that said computer is in the suspended state.

20. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein said communication unit is conformed to USB (Universal Serial Bus) specification.

21. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein before said digital image is transmitted to said computer, said determining step determines whether said computer is in said suspended state or not.